

# UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Wednesday,  
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Room No. 101  
U.S. International  
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500 E Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C.

The Commission meeting commenced, pursuant to Notice, at 11:00 a.m., before the Commissioners of the United States International Trade Commission, the Honorable DEANNA TANNER OKUN, Chairman, presiding.

APPEARANCES:

On behalf of the International Trade Commission:

Commissioners:

DEANNA TANNER OKUN, CHAIRMAN  
JENNIFER A. HILLMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN  
MARCIA E. MILLER, COMMISSIONER  
STEPHEN KOPLAN, COMMISSIONER

APPEARANCES: (cont'd.)

Staff:

Inv. No. 731-TA-990 (Final):

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CHAIRMAN OKUN: Good morning, and welcome to this meeting of the U.S. International Trade Commission.

MS. ABBOTT: Good morning, Madam Chairman.

Before turning to the two votes that we have today, I would like to take a moment to recognize our new Director of the Office of Investigations, Mr. Bob Carpenter, Robert Carpenter -- Bob to all of us -- and to say that we are looking forward to the leadership that we know that you can provide to this office.

MR. CARPENTER: Thank you, Madam Chairman.

CHAIRMAN OKUN: I would also like to thank Vice Chairman Hillman, former Commissioner Bragg, Bob Koopman, the Director of Office of Economics, and Vern

1 Simpson, the Director of the Office of Industries, for  
2 serving on the Executive Resource Board.

3 The ERB was instrumental in conducting the  
4 search for the office director. They also interviewed  
5 candidates and provided me with what I believe are  
6 very thoughtful recommendations, so again I want to  
7 thank the ERB for their role.

8 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: Thank you, Madam  
9 Chairman.

10 If I could just also extend my  
11 congratulations to Bob Carpenter and my appreciation  
12 for all of his work through this process that the ERB  
13 went through and his cooperation with many changed  
14 schedules as a result of the many snows that we had.

15 I appreciate his flexibility and would share  
16 in the Chairman's view and expressing the ERB's view  
17 of tremendous confidence in Bob's ability to lead this  
18 office, so our congratulations to you.

19 MR. CARPENTER: Thank you again. I look  
20 forward to serving the Commission in this capacity.

21 CHAIRMAN OKUN: We will now turn to  
22 Investigation No. 731-TA-990 (Final), Non-Malleable  
23 Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from China.

24 Welcome to Ms. Noreen and the other members  
25 of the staff who participated in this investigation.

1 Does any Commissioner have questions for the  
2 staff?

3 (No response.)

4 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Are there any additions or  
5 corrections to the staff report?

6 MS. NOREEN: Bonnie Noreen with the Office  
7 of Investigations. Yes, Madam Chairman. We propose  
8 that the staff report be revised to include the  
9 information in Director of Investigations Memoranda  
10 INV-AA-024 of March 5, 2003, and INV-AA-027 of  
11 March 6, 2003.

12 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Is there any objection to  
13 approval of the staff report as revised?

14 (No response.)

15 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is  
16 approved.

17 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
18 roll?

19 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

20 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

22 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: I vote in the  
23 affirmative.

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

25 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I vote in the

1 affirmative.

2 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

3 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I vote in the  
4 affirmative.

5 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
6 has reached an affirmative determination.

7 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

8 Further information regarding this  
9 determination will be in a press release.  
10 Commissioners' opinions are currently scheduled to be  
11 transmitted to the Department of Commerce on or before  
12 March 24, 2003.

13 Thank you again to the staff who  
14 participated in this investigation.

15 We will now take a moment to change staff  
16 for our next vote.

17 (Pause.)

18 CHAIRMAN OKUN: We will now turn to  
19 Investigation Nos. 701-TA-319 and 322 and 731-TA-573  
20 and 578 (Review) (Remand), Certain Carbon Steel  
21 Products (Cut-to-Length Plate) from Belgium and  
22 Germany.

23 Good morning again to Ms. Noreen and the  
24 staff who participated in this remand investigation.

25 Does any Commissioner have questions for the



1 staff?

2 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: No, Madam Chairman. I  
3 feel remiss. I feel like I should ask Mr. Carpenter a  
4 question just to get him started.

5 Do you have any questions, Mr. Carpenter?

6 MR. CARPENTER: No, I have no questions.

7 Thank you.

8 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: Then I have none,  
9 Madam Chairman.

10 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

11 Is there any objection to approval of the  
12 staff report?

13 (No response.)

14 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Hearing none, it is  
15 approved.

16 Madam Secretary, will you please call the  
17 roll?

18 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Hillman?

19 VICE CHAIRMAN HILLMAN: I vote in the  
20 affirmative.

21 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Miller?

22 COMMISSIONER MILLER: I vote in the  
23 affirmative.

24 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Koplan?

25 COMMISSIONER KOPLAN: I vote in the

1 affirmative.

2 MS. ABBOTT: Commissioner Okun?

3 CHAIRMAN OKUN: I vote in the affirmative.

4 MS. ABBOTT: Madam Chairman, the Commission  
5 has reached affirmative determinations in these remand  
6 proceedings.

7 CHAIRMAN OKUN: Thank you.

8 Further information regarding this  
9 determination will be in a press release.  
10 Commissioners' views on remand are currently scheduled  
11 to be transmitted to the U.S. Court of International  
12 Trade on or before March 28, 2003.

13 Thank you again to all staff who  
14 participated.

15 With no other business before the  
16 Commission, this meeting is adjourned.

17 (Whereupon, at 11:05 a.m. the meeting in the  
18 above-entitled matter was concluded.)

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**CERTIFICATION OF TRANSCRIPTION**

**TITLE:** Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe  
Certain Carbon Steel Products

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